

Women

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Students Entertain Faculty

Faculty members at Torrance High School were guests of homemaker students at a pre-holiday tea Thursday, Dec. 19. Setting for the after-school event was the sewing room.

To prepare for the tea, students decorated walls, waxed furniture, planned the menu and prepared refreshments in the cooking classroom. Members of the Homemaking Club served as hostesses.

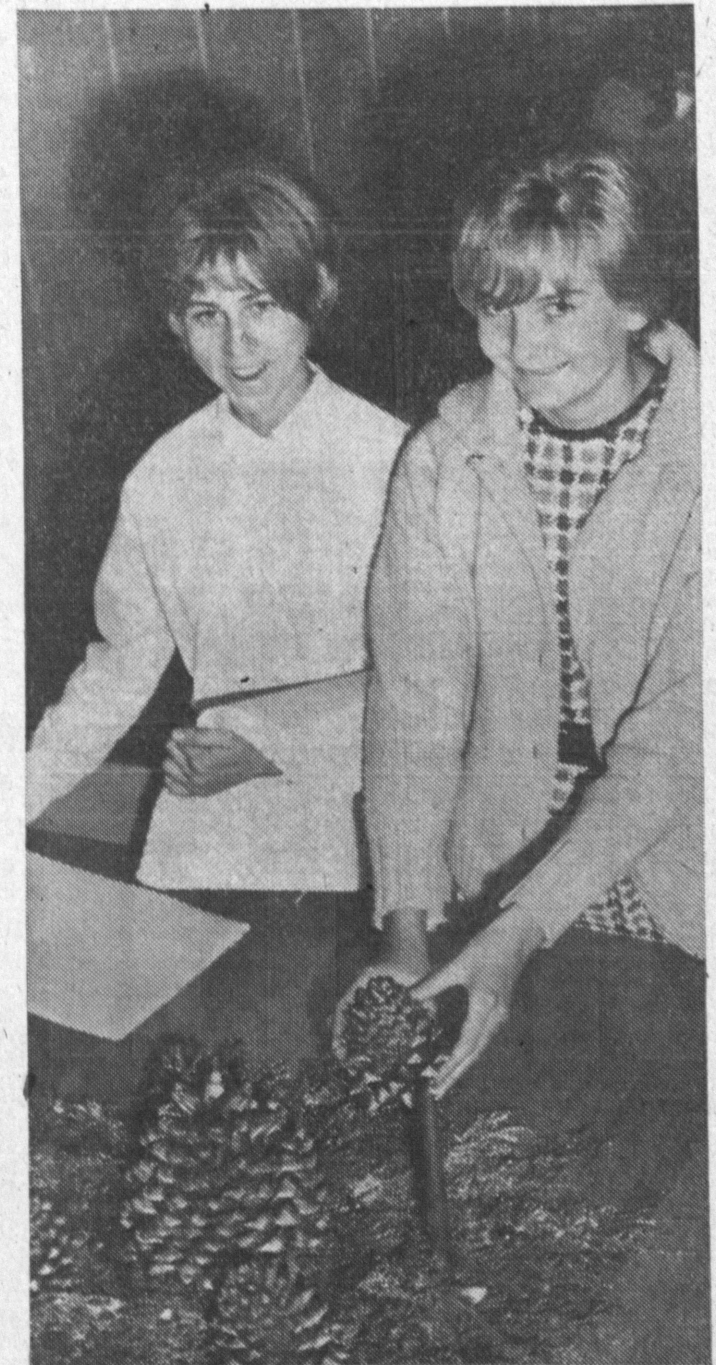
Menu included cream puffs filled with chicken salad, stuffed mushrooms, canapes, egg nog and date nut and banana breads.

Co-ordinating the event were Mrs. Barbara Daugherty and Mrs. Jay Klomp, homemaking teachers.



SERVING TEA to faculty members at a pre-vacation event are students at Torrance High School. Girls are members of the Homemaking Club, a group interested

in the art of running a household. Food was prepared by members of the foods class under the supervision of Mrs. Joy Komp. —PRESS photo



ARRANGING TABLE for faculty tea are Torrance High School students. Students planned menu, polished furniture, prepared food, served, and cleaned up following the event, Thursday, Dec. 18. —PRESS photo

PTA News

"CHRISTMAS INTERLUDE"

Preceding the December program of Lincoln PTA Mrs. Andrew Foster conducted a brief business meeting. Flag salute was led by the Indian Princesses, Tenio Tribe. Inspirational was delivered by Claudia Johnson, Lincoln student.

Mmes. Stanley Nelson, Kay Iizuka, Raymond Van Dusen and Andrew Tamahana were ratified as members of the honorary life committee.

A Christmas play entitled, "Christmas Interlude," was presented by the students. Under Milton Arcus's able direction, Lincoln orchestra set the mood for a merry Christmas by playing well known selections as the play progressed.

Lincoln chorus, accompanied by Mrs. Stone and directed by Mrs. Barbara Booth, selections, "Twas The Night Before Christmas" and "The Drummer Boy Song."

Attendance banner went to Mrs. Nelouise Gragg's class. Featured chairmen were Mrs. Harold Erickson, hospitality, and Mrs. Zane Baughman, room representative.

Refreshments were served by fifth and sixth grade mothers of Mrs. Phyllis Layne, James Latimer and Mrs. Hazel Spencer's classes.

BILL OF RIGHTS

The school orchestra and chorus were featured at the Halldale Ave. PTA meeting held Dec. 10. Arthur Stilwell, school music teacher, directed the groups in a variety of Christmas songs.

A group from Mrs. Ruth Moeller's sixth grade class discussed the Bill of Rights. Those participating were Jill Ann Ansley, Patti Parr, Leo Giles, Steven Theberge, Chipper Mamiya and Craig Johnson.

Mrs. Amanda Wilhelm, school principal announced that the school playground will be open during Christmas vacation from 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. with the exception of Christmas day and New Years day. Mrs. Jeanne Hoyt is playground director.

The annual Christmas party for the school children was held Dec. 18 with room mothers providing cookies and punch. PTA donated ice cream and a candy treat, which was distributed by Santa Claus.

A set of table tennis equipment and a table was presented to the school as a Christmas gift from the PTA.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

"Christmas Customs in Other Lands" was theme of the Christmas program by students of 223rd Street School.

The school orchestra played carols and the Junior and Senior chorus sang. Lorraine Qualls and Chris Ho-

ber narrated. Director was Diane Spitzkeit, and Miss Betty Zoschke was accompanist.

Kathy Reagers, Student Body president, gave the greetings for the evening.

Flag ceremony was conducted by Junior Girl Scout Troop 918 under the leadership of Mrs. Praster and co-leader Mrs. Manly Wood. Sheri Ferguson, Carla Epperheimer, Debbie Praster, Delores Olvera and Susan Hettiger led the ceremony. Participating were: Mary Kay Bergen, Karen Bradshaw, Denise Kline, Anna Wosch, Kathy Rowekamp, Suzanne Thome, Kathy Turner and Connie Wood.

Mrs. Edgar Formanek, program chairman gave an inspirational on the Bill of Rights. Mrs. Thomas E. Millard, president, presented Mrs. Marie Lorenz, principal, with a check for \$150, a Christmas gift from the PTA.

STUDENT PROGRAM

The students of Hickory Elementary School presented their annual Christmas conducted their program at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday in the school cafeteria.

Children of the lower grades will present their program at 1 p.m. Thursday. Each class has prepared a program under the direction of the teacher.

Preceding the programs, the newly organized Mother-singer group, under the leadership of Mrs. Charles Sheets, sang.

AMERICAN CHRISTMAS

The regular holiday program of the Fern-Greenwood PTA was held at 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the Fern-Greenwood cafeteria.

Mrs. Ellen Booz, principal, announced that teachers and students prepared the program which is entitled "Christmas in the United States."

The narrative was written by Mrs. Norma Barretta, who is also directing the chorus.

Mrs. Connie Vendeland's sixth-seventh grade class presented the Colonial scene and Mrs. Joyce Konic's upper grade basic skills class presented square dancing.

Responsible for the Tree of Wishes and Hanakkuh scenes.

The sixth grade class of Miss Sherrel Sherrard will present Christmas in California, and Mrs. Mildred Farnum's sixth grade will present the American scene.

The Mountain scene was presented by the fifth grade classes of Keith Weideman and Mrs. Juanita Price.

Scenery is being prepared by Ron Hall, Charles Newton, and Darold Kusch while Mrs. Libby Richardson is in charge of costumes.

The executive board met last week at the home of Mrs. Bert Lynn.



EXAMINING DECORATION made by members of the modern living class in the homemaking department at Torrance High School for the faculty tea

is Mrs. Barbara Daugherty, home economics teacher and advisor of the Homemaking Club. —PRESS photo

Tomorrow's Brides Learn Homemaking Skill Today

Popularity of home economics among high school girls is on the upswing. As teenage marriages gain momentum, so does a sincere interest in learning the art of running a household.

Bright-eyed brides have cause for confidence. Not only are they taught to wield a frying-pan at school stoves throughout Torrance, but they manage to tuck into their curriculum little extras such as fashion shows featuring student creations and holiday teas for faculty members.

To gain perspective on contemporary course content, THE PRESS last week interviewed Mrs. Barbara Daugherty, home economics teacher at Torrance High School. The interview was conducted in the midst of smells of fresh furniture polish (as modern living students decorated tables in the sewing skills classroom) and aromas of banana bread baking.

What are today's teens learning?

According to Mrs. Daugherty, homemaking students at Torrance High School are taught the skills of running a household in a series of study units which run the gamut from how to shop for small appliances to techniques of tailoring a lined suit.

After studying basic fundamentals of food and clothing in the introductory homemaking class, students who elect to go on with further home economics studies may take one or two years of advanced sewing, another year or two of advanced cooking, and modern living: the classroom course which deals with the practical aspects of running a household.

Geared towards family life, the modern living class, open to Juniors and Seniors, includes in its scope of study such things as planning and decorating an apartment or home, shopping for linens, family relations, family nutrition, family finance and budgeting, planning weddings, pre-natal care, and caring for young children.

Sewing students are taught the essentials of reading a pattern guide sheet and using a machine in sewing 1, where they make a garment of a simple fabric. In the advanced sewing class, girls work with wool and synthetic fabrics, study textiles, learn how to line a garment and put in interfacing, and are taught different types of seams and seam finishes.

They make an advanced garment out of a new fabric under the guidance of Mrs. Daugherty, whose constant emphasis is on the importance of the inside of the

garment. Mrs. Daugherty also teaches the tailoring class in which coats and suits are made.

Each May a fashion show is put on by students in all sewing classes on the Senior patio. Refreshments, prepared by foods class members, are served on tables decorated with umbrellas. Students write the script for the fashion show and serve as commentators.

Teaching foods classes is Mrs. Jay Klomp, whose students hosted a tea for faculty members prior to the school vacation. Favorite recipe used by the students at the tea was for stuffed mushrooms. The recipe follows.

STUFFED MUSHROOMS

1 tbs. chopped onion
1 tbs. butter
1 2/4 ounce can devilled ham

1/4 cup soft bread crumbs
1/4 tsp. seasoned salt
1/4 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
1 6 oz. can (1 1/2 cups) mushroom crowns, drained melted butter

Cook onion in butter over low heat until tender but not brown. Combine with devilled ham, crumbs, seasoned salt and Worcestershire sauce. Stuff mushrooms with mixture. Broil, stuffed side up, five to eight minutes or until through. Keep hot in chafing dish.

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Why don't you make yourself a night shift? It's plenty cold enough to think in terms of soft flannel, and when it comes in such pretty patterns and colors, the temptation is double.

A night shift is the

most comfortable thing imaginable in the mornings before you're ready to get dressed. It will serve both as a robe and gown and then come back for dawn to dress service. For those household chores you like to do before you shower, your flannel shift will allow movement and will wash and dry (without ironing) in time to wear again that night.

For those who have very little experience with sewing, the shift is a good first project. For those who sew well, it will be a breeze, easily done in a leisurely hour.

The pattern you choose can be with an A-line or straight shift, high necked or round, whichever way you sleep most comfortably. Sleeves are also optional. Two big pockets are a nice, —and useful—idea, particularly if you like to wear your shift for a while after getting up.

The amount of material you'll need will depend on how long you want your shift and whether you have sleeves. For one that comes just below your knees and has sleeves, you'll need

about 2 1/2 yards of 36 inch flannel.

The nicest thing about the shift is the way it sleeps. Without the bulk and length of a gown that is gathered on to a yoke, it does not wrap and creep so that you fight it all night. You can poke a handkerchief or a handful of tissues into the pocket when you have a cold, and you'll be able to find them without turning on the light.

For those who like a long gown, the shift idea can still be carried out, simply by lengthening the skirt. With pockets added and perhaps a tie belt for morning, it will look a little like a hostess gown.

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TODAY'S HINT:

When attaching buttons to cotton flannel, it's a good idea to conceal a piece of muslin like an interfacing where the buttons will go, —or even one inch squares behind each button. Flannel is very soft, and thread tends to cut through it after a washing or two. The stiffer muslin (or some interlining material) will hold thread without being cut.

Joanne Johnston To Head Bethel

Joanne Johnston was elected honored queen of Bethel 36, International Order of Job's Daughters at a meeting held at Gardena Masonic Temple.

Other officers elected were Jolene Elliott, senior princess; Linda Kapigian, junior princess; Jan Foyle, guide; and Elaine Platz, marshal.

Among those escorted were: Walter Livings, associate guardian; M. S. Leona Drozda and Mrs. Jane Haselbach, both past honored queens.

In the evening, Miss Judy Gustafson, outgoing queen, was honored at a queen's dinner by members of Bethel 36 and their families.